

TO H. A. WIDEMANN

Death Calls From Worldly Life
a Sterling Man.

HAD REACHED ADVANCED AGE

An Active Career—Long Prominent
in Island Affairs—A Suc-
cessful Labor.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

The summons of death came to H. A. Widemann at 3:40 yesterday forenoon. The serious illness of the aged Hawaiian had for a long time been of deep concern to family and friends. The end was quiet and peaceful.

Judge Widemann was 76 years of age. The following account of his life and services, prepared seven years ago, was vided by him as being correct in the facts:

There are men in the world who, by their public services and strong individualities, leave an indelible impress

THE LATE H. A. WIDEMANN.
(Photo by Williams.)

upon the affairs of their countries, and whose work will live after them, an enduring monument of their ability and genius. Such a man is Herman A. Widemann, of Honolulu, whose name is inseparably connected with the development and history of the Hawaiian Islands. Since his advent into the Kingdom, nearly half a century ago, he has witnessed the growth of the nation from comparative insignificance to its present prosperous condition, and has made his influence felt and acknowledged in governmental and general affairs. A man of broad views, he has ever been a pronounced advocate of those measures which he has considered for the good of his adopted country, and has opposed all movements which his judgment told him were not so. Although now approaching the biblical "three score years and ten," Mr. Widemann still retains the strong mind and good judgment which have ever been his distinguishing characteristics. Arriving in Honolulu a mere youth of twenty or thereabouts, without money or friends, he has acquired the inestimable blessing of a good name, and by perseverance and ability has acquired a desirable competence; so that now as old age comes on he is free from the cares which beset the paths of less capable or less fortunate men.

H. A. Widemann was born in Hannover, in 1822. He comes of a military family, his father having seen service during the Napoleonic era of 1812-15, in Russia and in France. Young Widemann, besides receiving a thorough general training, was especially educated to follow the profession of his father, and while still preparing for the army and waiting for an appointment, discovered that his chances for promotion were very slight. He saw that his classmates were given commissions simply because their social standing was higher than his own. To a young man of his ambition this unjust discrimination was intolerable, and he therefore looked about him for some more promising occupation than that of arms. Too restless for the slow life of mercantile pursuits upon the continent, he adopted for a time a seafaring life, although even that was not to his liking, and in 1840 entered the merchant service as a cabin boy. After serving in the Baltic and Mediterranean for two years, he engaged on a whaler bound for the South Seas. During this voyage, in 1843, he first landed in Honolulu—the scene of his future successful and honorable career. He remained with his vessel during a cruise to the Arctic, and returning to Honolulu in 1844, he next went to Europe, and studied navigation. In 1846 he again came to Honolulu, and seeing the great future before the Hawaiian group, decided here to make his home. Honolulu was at that time the headquarters of the whaling fleet, which, with the exception of an occasional man-of-war, were about the only European vessels coming here; and was also the principal supply point for California in vegetables and other products.

Mr. Widemann's first occupation in his new home was as private tutor in an English family. In November, 1848, he caught the California "gold fever," and at once proceeded thither. For a time he was employed in the Custom House at San Francisco, and then tried his fortune as a miner, which, not proving successful, finding that life in California was not what he expected, he returned in June, 1849, to Hawaii, and has since remained, with the exception of an occasional visit abroad on business or for pleasure.

Early entering into the politics of the country, this gentleman has held nearly all the important offices under the government. His first position was that of sheriff of the island of Kauai.

In 1874 he was appointed Minister of the Interior, during the reign of King Kamehameha IV, and was then a member of the Privy Council, and of the House of Nobles when the King had the appointing power, and on the adoption of the new constitution, whereby the office was made elective, he was returned at the polls, and continued to fill this honorable position until he was tendered the portfolio of Minister of Finance. This highly responsible office he was compelled to resign on account of feeble health, and since then has virtually retired from active life, although his interest in national affairs has never diminished.

Mr. Widemann declares that he will never again enter politics, but it is highly probable that he will be prevailed upon to change his mind, and will soon again occupy a seat in the Cabinet. Beyond the important political positions held by the subject of this sketch, he has been a judge of the Supreme Court of the Kingdom. Although not educated in the law, Mr. Widemann is a natural born lawyer. He looks beyond the petty trammels which hamper the purpose of the law, and sees the underlying principle of justice in the question presented. His decisions are distinguished by sound "common sense" and a rare appreciation of right, and are entirely free from bias or prejudice.

H. A. Widemann has been and is among Hawaii's most successful planters, and it is from sugar cane planting that he has made the bulk of his present fortune. His first agricultural venture was coffee raising on the island of Kauai, where he resided from 1849 to 1864. The business was not lucrative and was abandoned for the more remunerative one of sugar. His first knowledge of cane culture was acquired while manager of the Lihue plantation on Kauai, which he started in 1850 and which was the first sugar enterprise on the islands conducted on the modern system. He continued successfully in the business until 1876, when, by the Reciprocity Treaty with America, a differential sugar tariff was effected in favor of the Hawaiian Islands. This treaty was repugnant to Mr. Widemann, as he believed that the tariff was derogatory to the dignity of the Hawaiian people. He considered that sugar cane culture had been sufficiently profitable previous to this treaty, and was very adverse to the Government's placing itself under such obligations to the United States. Because of this sentiment, as well as from a desire to retire from active life, Mr. Widemann, that year, disposed of all his sugar interests. To one of this gentleman's temperaments, however, an idle life was unsuited, and in 1878 he started the profitable plantation of Waianae, which he still owns.

Herman A. Widemann, on May 5, 1850, married Mary Kauai, a Hawaiian lady, who survives him. To Mr. and Mrs. Widemann have been born seven daughters and two sons: Mrs. H. R. Macfarlane, Mrs. Fred W. Macfarlane, Mrs. C. O. Berger, for some years now a widow; Mrs. Wm. Lanz, Mrs. John M. Dowsett, Mrs. C. Conrad, Miss Unna Widemann, and Messrs. Carl and Herman Widemann. Carl is manager of the coffee plantation on the Waianae sugar estate, and Herman holds a position in the office of J. D. Spreckels & Bros. Co., in San Francisco.

TO BE COLONEL OF
FIRST WASHINGTON.Maj. Canton Will Take Charge to
Restore Harmony.

It is rather an odd thing a great big state military secret of the commonwealth of Washington should leak out in Honolulu before publication on the coast or promulgation in Manila.

Maj. Canton, who was a passenger by the transport Morgan City will, upon arrival at his destination, assume command of the Washington regiment of volunteers now on duty at the new possession. He carries the commission and full authority.

Col. Wholley will be relieved.

Lieut. Col. Fife will be relieved.

Wholley and Fife have been at outposts since the regiment was mustered into service. A last accounts Wholley had Fife under arrest. The charge was drunkenness. It is declared by Fife's friends that it is impossible for any truth to lie in this accusation. Fife is a wealthy man, a politician, and an amateur tragedian. Wholley was military instructor at the State University. He is a first lieutenant in the regular army.

Maj. Canton is a lawyer, a populist and a militiaman who has had experience in the regular army. He is a personal friend of Governor Rodgers, while the Governor knew Fife and Wholley only by reputation. Maj. Canton made a good impression here.

A SUPPOSITION.

LONDON, January 23.—Bank notes to the value of £60,000 have mysteriously disappeared from Parr's Bank, in Bartholomew lane, London. It is supposed that they have been stolen.

It is learned that a large quantity of freight for the American fleet at Manila was taken through here on the Nippon Maru.

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The largest irrigation pumping plant in the world is now being installed on Spreckelsville plantation, Maui. H. A. Allen, manager of the engineering department of Fraser & Chalmers, Chicago, left on the Claudine last evening for Spreckelsville, to superintend the installation of the plant. Mr. Allen is a mechanical and electrical engineer.

"The maximum capacity of the Spreckelsville pumps," said Mr. Allen in an interview yesterday, "will be 48,000,000 gallons per day to a head of 350 feet. There will be four triple double-acting Fraser & Chalmers' Reddier pumps, each driven by a most modern triple expansion condensing Corliss engine. The steam at a pressure of 180 pounds per square inch is supplied the engine from five 350-horse power Soderholm boilers. The plant will be equipped with all the most modern appliances.

"In case the water supply is not adequate in one place for the installation of all the pumps may be placed in two or more stations. The economy of operation, however, is much greater for one central plant than for several isolated plants. Like in all irrigating enterprises the water supply determines the principal conditions."

"How much land ought these pumps to irrigate?"

"I should say fully 4,000 acres," replied Mr. Allen. This is practically all new land. Wells are being sunk by McCandless Bros.

"Has there been any change or compromise in the big order placed with your house by Spreckels brothers?"

"No changes to speak of. The new owners of Spreckelsville have consented to have the plant installed practically as originally ordered. The new management has instructed that all the pumps be of the same size instead of one pump being built with a maximum head of 515 feet."

Mr. Allen announced that the fourth pump for Ewa plantation had arrived and that it would soon be installed. This last pump for Ewa is a duplex double-acting Fraser & Chalmers' Reddier, driven by a horizontal cross compound condensing Corliss engine. Its capacity is 8,000,000 gallons every twenty-four hours.

With the pump will be supplied heaters, independent service condenser and one of Fraser and Chalmers' latest improved convertible flywheel, air and circulative pumps. This will be used for irrigating.

It is understood that Mr. Allen is negotiating with several plantation owners for the installation of pumping plants. Throughout all Hawaii, the planters are now becoming satisfied of the advisability of spending large sums of money for irrigating pumps. The returns are more than enough to warrant the big outlay of money at the beginning.

LIEUT. GEN. SCHOFIELD

He Believes in a Responsibility
to Central Government.

Speaking of the annexation of Hawaii in his "Forty-six Years in the Army," Lieut. Gen. Schofield says: "It seems to me a very narrow view of the intelligence of the people of this country which suggests any serious difficulty in the government of outlying possessions which are essential military and naval outposts, simply because their heterogeneous populations are not yet capable of self-government, or fit for admission to the Union as a State." He cites the government of the District of Columbia—one of the best and most economical in the world—which would require very slight modification to make it perfectly applicable to any of the islands of the Atlantic, the Pacific or the Gulf which may be acquired by this country. In fact, it seems to Gen. Schofield, as it will to others whose minds are not prejudiced, "that a government under exclusively national authority exercised over comparatively small districts of country and small population, under the constant observation of the people and the public press of the entire country is more likely to be just and pure than any other. Responsibility to a local constituency undoubtedly has great advantages, but responsibility to the Government and entire people of the United States has vastly greater."

Those Ironwood Trees.

The report that the Park Commissioners are to clear the ironwood trees from any part of the Waikiki drive along the park to make lawn is wholly incorrect. A few of these and other trees are to be cut down for improvement contemplated a long time. This is a required thinning out dictated on the judgment of people of experience. Trees will be taken out to save trees.

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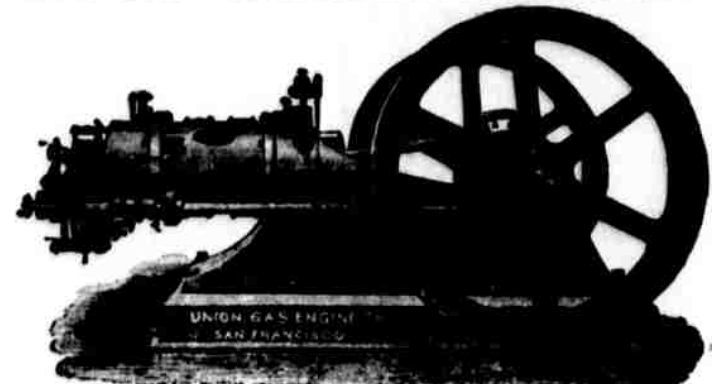
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